

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A service offering system from a server to a terminal device, comprising:

recording means for recording a unique identifier to each of a plurality of package storage media issued;

a database for storing and managing the identifiers;

reading means for reading the recorded identifier from any of said the package storage media at said the terminal device;

checking means for checking the identifier read by said the reading means against said the identifiers managed in said the database; and

service offering means for offering a service to said the terminal device corresponding to the package storage medium identified by the checked identifier depending on a result of the check by said the checking means,

wherein the recording means records to the storage media right information which denotes services available to the storage media identified by the identifiers together with the identifiers.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The service offering system according to claim 1, wherein said the database stores, in correspondence with said the identifiers, the right information which denotes services available to said storage media identified by said-identifiers.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The service offering system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the service offering means offers the service to the storage medium in accordance with the right information which denotes services available to said storage media identified by said identifiers.~~

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The service offering system according to claim 1, further comprising content data storing means for storing a plurality of content data items;

wherein ~~said the service offering means allows relevant content data to be downloaded from said the content data storing means to the storage medium.~~

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The service offering system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the service offering means allows relevant content data to be uploaded from the storage medium.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A service offering system from a server to a terminal device, comprising:

storage medium issuing means including comprising recording means for recording a unique identifier to each of a plurality of package storage media issued;

a management server including comprising a database for storing and managing the identifiers recorded to said the package storage media issued by said storage-medium issuing means;

said the terminal device including comprising reading means for reading the recorded identifier from any of said the package storage media;

checking means for checking the identifier read by said the terminal device against said the identifiers managed in said the database; and

a service provider including comprising service offering means for offering a service to said the terminal device corresponding to said the package storage media depending on a result of the check by said the checking means,

wherein the recording means records to the storage media right information which denotes services available to the storage media identified by the identifiers together with the identifiers.

8. (Currently Amended) A service offering system from a server to a terminal device, comprising:

storage medium issuing means including comprising recording means for recording a unique identifier to each of a plurality of package storage media issued;

the server including comprising a database which stores the identifiers and retains, in correspondence with said the identifiers, right information which denotes services available to said package storage media identified by said identifiers;

the terminal device including comprising reading means for reading the recorded identifier from any of said package storage media; and

a service provider including comprising service offering means for offering a service to said the terminal device corresponding to said the package storage media depending on a result of checking the identifier in question against said the identifiers managed in said the database and according to the right information stored in said the database in correspondence with the checked identifier,

wherein the recording means records to the storage media the right information.

9. (Currently Amended) A service offering system according to claim 8, wherein said the service provider includes comprises content data storing means for storing a plurality of content data items;

wherein said the service offering means includes comprises judging means for judging whether or not the corresponding right information indicates permission to download, said the service offering means further reading relevant content data from said the content data storing means and transferring the content data to said the terminal device in accordance with the judgment made by said the judging means; and wherein said the terminal device receives the transferred content data and records the received data to the storage medium.

10 - 25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) A service offering method for offering a service from a server to a terminal device, the method comprising the steps of:

recording a unique identifier to each of a plurality of package storage media issued;

recording to the storage media right information which denotes services available to the storage media identified by the identifiers together with the identifiers;

storing the identifiers into a database;

reading the recorded identifier from any of said the package storage media at said the terminal device;

checking the identifier read from the package storage medium against said the identifiers stored in said the database; and

offering a service to said the terminal device corresponding to the package storage medium-identified by the checked identifier.

27 - 31. (Cancelled)